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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY (Chapter I of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

(PCT Rule 44bis)

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1. This international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) is issued by the International Bureau on behalf of the International Searching Authority under Rule 44 bis.1(a).
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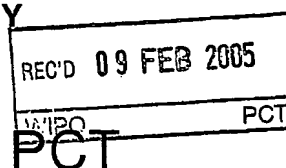
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See paragraph 2 below

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C07F7/14, C07F7/18

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

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If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of three months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

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**WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
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Box No. I Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 - ☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - a. type of material:
 - ☐ a sequence listing
 - ☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43b/s.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	1-10
	No: Claims	
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	1-10
	No: Claims	
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-10
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

Re Item V.

- 1 The following documents are referred to in this communication:

D1 : EP 0 589 613 A1

D2 : US 5 359 111 A

- 2 The present application claims a process for preparing halosilylated chain hydrocarbons (claims 1-5), and a method of conducting a hydrosilation process (claims 6-10). The compound that is hydrosilated is a diene-type compound, and the process is carried out in the presence of an ether.

- 3 Document D1, which is considered to represent the most relevant state of the art, discloses a process for preparing halosilylated chain hydrocarbons.

From this, the subject-matter of independent claims 1 and 6 differs in that an ether is used during hydrosilation process. The effect of this difference appears an improvement of the hydrosilation process as compare to a process without an ether (see examples and comparative examples in the description of the present application; higher hydrosilane reaction efficiency).

- 3.1 The subject-matter of claim 1 is therefore novel (Article 33(2) PCT).

- 3.2 The problem to be solved by the present invention may be regarded as the provision of an improved process for preparing halosilylated chain hydrocarbons (claims 1-5), and a improved method of conducting a hydrosilation process (claims 6-10).

The solution to this problem proposed in claims 1 and 6 of the present application is considered as involving an inventive step (Article 33(3) PCT) for the following reasons. There are teachings in the available prior art that pertain to controlling the hydrosilation of diene-type compounds (e.g. document D2 teaches the use of oxygen to control the hydrosilation process). However, there appear to be no teachings that would allow a person skilled in the art to modify the teachings of D1 so as to arrive at the present invention.